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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, OBGI

SUBJECT : National Intelligence Survey
Program

1. Pursuant to our discussions yesterday, I would like you, working with Director/OER and Director/OCI, to prepare a memorandum which I could forward to the CIA Management Committee providing the necessary background and options with respect to the NIS program so that a decision can be made about its future.

2. I would like the memorandum to be as brief as possible, although it may have supporting annexes when necessary. The memorandum should contain a brief statement on the origin and original purpose of the NIS program, its present purpose and consumers, the resources committed to the program (DDI, other CIA, intelligence community) and a brief statement of consumer reaction to the program.

3. I would also like you to present a number of options to be considered regarding the future structure of the NIS program. These could range from no change to abandonment. Obviously there are options in between these extremes such as variations in the number and frequency with which countries would be covered, alterations in the scope and format of the program, and other ways of meeting community demands for some kind of basic intelligence reports. These options should also take

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into account the views of Director/OCI and Director/OER. Finally, the options should indicate those parts which are steps that can be taken unilaterally by CIA and those which would require some kind of community action.

4. Finally, I would like, after a discussion of the pros and cons of each option, a series of recommendations as to the course of action you, in consultation with Director/OCI and Director/OER, think we should take.



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cc: Director/OCI
Director/OER

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